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### (U) CALIFORNIA

## (U) Antioch – Prosecutors Say Nortenos behind Cold Case Homicide

(U) Authorities charged three suspects with conspiracy, murder, shooting at an inhabited dwelling, and street terrorism after investigators reportedly caught a break in a case unsolved since 2005. The charging records stated that the three suspects shot up an apartment complex, killing a teenager. The murder was carried out to benefit the D Block Nortenos. The investigators did not comment on what broke the case open after 15-years, or if the three defendants were longtime suspects.

SOURCE: 5 February 2020, The Mercury News

### (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

### (U) Mexico - Two Tijuana Police Officers Charged with Conspiracy

(U) Tijuana – Two Tijuana police officers are facing conspiracy charges after allegedly trying to steal \$1 million from a Chula Vista home. FBI agents arrested the police officers after they allegedly met with an undercover agent at a Kohl's store and then drove to a Chula Vista home where they believed there would be money to steal. The officers entered "not guilty" pleas to conspiracy to commit robbery and residential burglary, with firearm enhancements. The suspects could face 10-years in prison if convicted. SOURCE: 5 February 2020, San Diego Union-Tribune

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Florida – Trooper Killed in Shooting on I-95

(U) Martin County – A veteran Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) trooper was killed in a shooting on Interstate 95 in Martin County. Trooper Joseph Bullock, who was an Air Force veteran and had been with FHP for nearly 19-years, was killed in the incident. Details of what led to the incident or information on the suspect haven't been released as an investigation is ongoing. SOURCE: 5 February 2020, NBC Miami

### (U) New York - Man Set to Testify Against MS-13 Gang Members Found Dead

(U) Long Island – Authorities implied that a man set to testify against MS-13 gang members was killed as a result of criminal-justice reforms requiring prosecutors share witness' identities with defendants. The victim, a witness for the prosecution, was discovered bludgeoned to death behind an abandoned home. The victim's identity was concealed through a court-issued protective order obtained in December 2018. Prosecutors revealed his identity to the defense team in December 2019 due to the recently enacted law.

SOURCE: 5 February 2020, Fox News

(U) Puerto Rico – US Coast Guard Seizes \$46 Million of Cocaine, Arrests Nine Smugglers in Caribbean (U) San Juan – The US Coast Guard recently seized over 3,000-pounds of cocaine, worth more than \$46 million, after apprehending nine suspected smugglers in the Caribbean. The multi-agency operation prevented a large amount of drugs from reaching their destination. Since October 2019, the Coast Guard

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has seized more than 26,500-pounds of cocaine and 407-pounds of marijuana in operations around Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, with an estimated value of more than \$300 million. SOURCE: 5 February 2020, WFLA

### (U) Vermont – Fugitive on US Marshals' 15 Most Wanted List Arrested in Jamaica

(U) South Burlington – A Vermont man, sought on allegations he murdered his girlfriend two-years ago, has been caught in Jamaica after an international manhunt. The suspect, who was placed on the US Marshal's 15 Most Wanted List, had been sought by the South Burlington Police department since the murder. Investigators discovered the suspect had ties to the Caribbean nation and enlisted the assistance of Jamaica's Constabulary Force. The local agency observed the suspect driving and took him into custody. The suspect will appear in court in Jamaica to determine his return to the US. SOURCE: 5 February 2020, Fox News

#### (U) INTERNATIONAL

### (U) Afghanistan – US Citizen from Illinois Kidnapped by Taliban Group

(U) Khost – A US government contractor from Illinois was kidnapped in Afghanistan by Taliban-affiliated militants. The victim, a civil engineer who routinely travels to conflict zones to consult on logistical contracts, was abducted in Khost, a province near the Pakistan border. US officials believe the Haqqani network, a group aligned with the Taliban, is responsible for the kidnapping. No group has officially claimed responsibility.

SOURCE: 5 February 2020, New York Post

### (U) Cameroon - Two Killed, 20 Homes Torched in Boko Haram Attack

(U) Mozogo – Suspected Boko Haram jihadists attacked a village in northern Cameroon, torching homes and killing two civilians just days before legislative and municipal elections. The jihadists torched about 20 homes and stole about five motorbikes in Mozogo village. Security has been tightened in Cameroon ahead of Sunday's elections. Cameroon officials advise the group has carried out nearly 13,000 attacks on its territory since 2014, with the loss of "several thousand" lives.

SOURCE: 4 February 2020, News 24

#### (U) Iraq – At least 8 Shot Dead in Southern Iraq

(U) Abidjan – At least eight anti-government protesters were shot dead and 52 were wounded in clashes with followers of a radical Shiite cleric in southern Iraq. The violence comes as new division have emerged among protesters and supporters of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. Clashes took place between protesters and followers of al-Sadr in the holy city of Najaf. Al-Sadr's supporters stormed a sit-in site and torched protest tents. Protestors attempted to prevent them from entering and were wounded when shots were fired. Since the anti-government protests began in October 2019, at least 500 protestors have died under fire from security forces.

SOURCE: 5 February 2020, ABC News

### (U) Nigeria – Nigeria Police 'Kill 250 Suspected Terrorists' in Single Operation

(U) Kaduna – Nigerian authorities announced a combat operation that led to the killing of 250 alleged terrorists in Kaduna State. The operation in the besieged Birnin Gwari area lasted for several hours and resulted in the death of 250 individuals that were "high-profile members" of the outlawed Ansara terrorist group. The group reportedly contained elements that have been terrorizing citizens through kidnappings, armed robbery, and other violent crimes across central Nigeria. Authorities have similar raids planned across the country. No names were immediately released of the casualties. SOURCE: 5 February 2020, Premium Times Nigeria

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- (U) Yemen Eight Civilians Dead, Other Missing in Houthi Missile Attack
- (U) Rawda The Yemeni information minister advised that four women and four children died, while others went missing, in a Houthi ballistic missile attack. The attack occurred over the populated district of Rawd in Yemen's Marib. Iran-aligned Houthis did not immediately claim responsibility for the attack. SOURCE: 5 February 2020, Reuters
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